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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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: Administrative Action

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION OF

CHRISTOPHER RITTER

TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Christopher Ritter's application for licensure by endorsement. Upon a review of the application, and the results of the Criminal History Background

Check, it was ascertained by the Board that although the applicant had checked "no" in response to the questions relating to arrests and/or convictions on his application and on the Criminal History Background Check, he had been arrested On June 3, 1987 and convicted of underage drinking; and had been arrested on January 11, 1989 and entered a guilty plea to criminal trespass. The applicant claimed that he checked "no" in response to the questions about arrests and convictions because he had not thought of the events for many years, which occurred during a stressful time of his life.

The Board finds that respondent knew or should have known that by checking "no" on the application in response to three questions about arrests and/or convictions he was providing inaccurate information, and that he therefore engaged in misrepresentation on his application in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, and sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 14th DAY OF March , 2013
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A \$250.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment

shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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Board President

I have read and understand the Within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Christopher Ritter